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SUBJECT: KOREA AND NON-ALIGNED CONFERENCE

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1. CHARGE CALLED ON DEPUTY SECRETARY MFA TAN BOON SENG ON JUNE 12 TO MAKE APPROACH REQUESTED REF B. ROK CONSUL GENERAL SOH HAD ALREADY APPROACHED GOS ON SUBJECT AND RECEIVED NON-COMMITTAL RESPONSE INDICATING MATTER UNDER STUDY.

2. AFTER CONVEYING POINTS CONTAINED PARA 4 REF A, CHARGE NOTED THAT PRIVP MINISTER LEE HAD EXPRESSED SOME CONCERN TO CERTAIN MEMBERS OF CONGRESS DURING RECENT VISIT TO WASHINGTON THAT U.S. HOLD FIRM TO ITS COMMITMENT TO SOUTH KOREA. CHARGE POINTED OUT THAT NORTH KOREA WAS MOUNTING MAJOR DIPLOMATIC
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EFFORT TO ISOLATE THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA. IF SINGAPORE WAS

INTERESTED IN SURVIVAL OF INDEPENDENT SOUTH KOREA, IT WOULD SEEM TO BE IN GOS INTEREST TO OPPOSE ANY ACTION BY NAC WHICH WOULD FAVOR NORTH KOREA OVER THE SOUTH AND GIVE IT ADDITIONAL LEVERAGE IN PURSUING PARTISAN ACTION AGAINST THE SOUTH.

3. TAN SAID GOS WAS AWARE OF THIS PROBLEM AND HAD TOLD SOUTH KOREANS THAT GOS WOULD GIVE "SYMPATHETIC CONSIDERATION" TO ROK REQUEST FOR EQUIVALENT TREATMENT BY NAC. HOWEVER, HE NOTED ISSUE WOULD BE DISCUSSED AT A PREPARATORY MEETING OF SOME OF THE NAC MEMBERS PRIOR TO THE LIMA MEETING. HE HAD FORGOTTEN WHERE THAT MEETING WOULD BE HELD, BUT SAID SINGAPORE WAS NOT ONE OF THE GOVERNMENTS ATTENDING IT. HOWEVER, MALAYSIA WOULD ATTEND PREPARATORY MEETING. HE SAID GOS HAD HEARD SEVERAL OF THE GOVERNMENTS ATTENDING THIS PREPARATORY MEETING WOULD OPPOSE ROK APPLICATION TO JOIN NAC. HE SAID DETERMINATION GOS POSITION WOULD HAVE TO AWAIT FURTHER STUDY OF RESULTS OF PREPARATORY MEETING AND CONSULTATION WITH OTHER ASEAN GOVERNMENTS.
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